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A marked up version of the amended claim is enclosed with this Amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(ii).

### REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment After Final Rejection is respectfully requested. The Amendment amends claims 1 and 3 to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Specifically, method claims 1 and 3 are amended to include actively recited steps. As the amendments are of a formal nature, this Amendment does not raise any new issues or require any new searching by the Examiner. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

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**CLAIMS**  
**(Amended - Marked-Up Version)**

--1. (Four Times Amended) A process for the production of a buckling resistant stove-finished structural component from a cold strip which comprises ageing-sensitive steel with a high bake-hardening potential, [characterized in that] comprises the steps of:

- converting the cold strip [is converted] by temper rolling to a yield point elongation-free state in which the condition  $R_{ch} - R_{e1} < 2 \text{ N/mm}^2$  is met,
- storing the cold strip [is then stored] at storage temperature below room temperature for a storage period whose length is at most equal to the length of the period at whose end the value of critical ageing is reached which results in dependence on the particular storage temperature,
- cold working the cold strip [is cold worked] to give a structural component, and
- stove-finishing the structural component [is stove-finished].

3. (Thrice Amended) A process for the production of a buckling-resistant stove-finished structural component from a cold strip which comprises ageing-sensitive steel with a high bake-hardening potential, [characterized in that] comprises the steps of:

- storing the cold strip [is stored] undressed for a storage period at room temperature,

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- [following the storage period] converting the cold strip [is converted] by temper rolling to a state in which the condition  $R_{ch} - R_{cl} < 2 \text{ N/mm}^2$  is met,
- cold working the temper rolled cold strip [is then cold worked] to give a structural component, and
- stove-finishing the structural component [member is finally stove-finished].--

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